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## Cattle on Feed

October 21, 2005--**Iowa:** There were 720,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on October 1, 2005, down 1 percent from September 1, 2005 and down 6 percent from October 1, 2004. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 410,000 head on feed, up 4 percent and 9 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 310,000 head on feed, down 6 percent and 21 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during September totaled 134,000 head, this is an increase of 19 percent and 9 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 90,000 head, up 30 percent and 29 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 44,000 head. This is unchanged from last month, but down 17 percent from last year.

Marketings for September were 135,000 head, up 5 percent from last month, but down 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, up 3 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 61,000 head, up 9 percent from last month, but down 28 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

**United States:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 66 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 11 percent from 2004.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 550,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 735,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

### All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2005	395	330	725
September Placements	90	44	134
September Marketings	74	61	135
September Other Disappearance	1	3	4
Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2005	410	310	720

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle on Feed October 1			Placements during September			Marketings during September			September Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	298	318	107	28	29	104	25	24	96	1	1	100
CA	520	535	103	64	68	106	60	57	95	4	6	150
CO	1,020	900	88	265	280	106	170	145	85	5	5	100
ID	275	270	98	84	69	82	53	48	91	1	1	100
<b>IA</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>
KS	2,220	2,250	101	520	510	98	410	455	111	20	15	75
NE	1,940	1,940	100	470	500	106	320	320	100	10	10	100
NM	136	136	100	29	26	90	19	22	116	3	3	100
OK	340	335	99	80	69	86	62	53	85	3	1	33
SD	143	130	91	41	40	98	35	40	114	1	2	200
TX	2,770	2,830	102	600	550	92	490	510	104	10	10	100
WA	180	153	85	48	40	83	42	25	60	1	1	100
Oth Sts	285	275	96	76	84	111	45	43	96	1	1	100
US	10,502	10,482	100	2,375	2,355	99	1,800	1,816	101	61	57	93

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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